



City of Deer Park, Ohio

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Smart Grid technology coming to Deer Park



Smart Grid Coming to Deer Park – Smart Meters, Communication Node

You may have heard about the "Smart Grid" technology being implemented by Duke Energy. This technology does a number of new, innovative things that should make it easier for the company to find and limit power outages, and in the near future will allow you to better control your energy use through the Internet.

Duke Energy is part of a national movement to make electricity and gas usage more efficient, and is working on a five year, \$1 billion Smart Grid plan. Recently, the company received \$200 million in federal stimulus funds to help implement it.

So what does that mean for Deer Park? The city is among the first that will begin seeing some changes as part

of the Smart Grid plan. Starting this spring, Duke will be in the area installing Smart Switches on utility poles. This electronic device will allow Duke to better monitor electricity flow and pinpoint outages. It should also allow Duke to more quickly reroute electricity when a storm outage occurs, lessening the number of homes and business that are without power during a storm.

This summer Duke will next begin installing Smart Meters at homes and business. These new electronic meters will eliminate the need for meter readers and will help Duke know exactly how much electricity you've used during the billing cycle. It will eliminate the need to estimate usage during times of bad weather.

Duke already has installed 47,500 electric and 28,800 smart meters across Cincinnati. Eventually, 700,000 electric and 450,000 natural gas meters will be installed across Ohio.

This will not cause disruption in your electricity service. If you would like more information, please go online at <http://smartenergynewsroom.com> ♦



Deer Park Residents Recycled 300 Tons in 2009

In 2009, Deer Park residents recycled 300 tons of metal, glass, plastic, and paper. You saved resources, conserved energy, and reduced pollution by recycling.

The recycling efforts in Deer Park:

- Conserved enough energy to power every home in Deer Park for a week.
- Reduced more greenhouse gas pollution than if every household in Deer Park did not drive a car for 27 days.
- Saved 2,636 trees from being harvested.

Recycling reduces pollution so the air we breathe is cleaner, con-

serves natural resources so we will have them to use in the future, and decreases the energy needed to make new products. Recycling also boosts our local economy by creating 169,000 jobs and \$6 billion in annual wages across the State of Ohio.

On average, each household in Deer Park recycled 228 pounds in 2009. That's 9.35% of all the waste you generate. If you'd like to see even more material recycled in 2010, see the list below to make sure you include all these materials in your recycling bin. Don't have a bin? Deer Park makes it easy; call 794-8860 to request your bin today!

Recyclable Materials include:

- Plastic bottles and jugs (remove lids)

- Glass bottles and jars (remove lids)
- Empty aerosol cans (remove lids and tips)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs, and phone books
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Office Paper
- Brown grocery bags
- Clean pizza boxes

Have a question about recycling? Call Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 or visit www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org. ♻️

Spring: fire safety tips

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With warmer weather and longer days approaching, people are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring cleaning, home repairs and yard work. To help ensure everyone in our community stays safe this season, the members of the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District offer the following tips and suggestions and suggest you post them where they can be seen by your family members and co-workers:

- Smoke detector batteries should be checked and replaced if necessary.
- Smoke detector units should be cleared of dust.
- Fire extinguishers should be checked and recharged if necessary.
- Electric wiring should be checked for damage, and replaced if necessary.
- Electric outlets and extension cords should not be overloaded.
- Air Conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked.
- Barbeque Gas grills (including gas hoses) and propane tanks should be inspected prior to use.
- Never use open flame devices to strip paint. This is very dangerous and is illegal.
- Never burn yard waste or trash. This is very dangerous and is illegal.
- Windows should be checked to make sure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.
- Review your family's Fire Escape Plan.
- Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, etc. should be stored in an approved container only.

- Pesticides and chemicals should be stored in an approved container and away from children.
- Swimming pool chemicals should be stored according to manufacturer guidelines.
- Oil-based paints and solvents should be stored in a metal cabinet.

Springtime is also severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate any activities. Make sure you have a weather radio and a flashlight with fresh batteries available.

These are just a few of the safety precautions to consider this spring. By taking the right precautions when warmer weather beckons, you and those around you can enjoy a safer, healthier spring. ♻️

— Joint Fire District Chief
Donald Newman

Deer Park Police: Help us help you

Keeping Deer Park a safer place to live requires a partnership between the Police Department and you. Yes, your taxes do fund the Department, but a primary principle of modern law enforcement is that:

"The police are the public and the public are the police, the police are simply those members of the community paid to give full time and attention to the duties that are incumbent upon all" – Robert Peel.

No, we aren't implying you should patrol the streets, nor are we advocating vigilantism. But there are a few simple things you can do to help police officers and fire fighters better serve you.

- Know where you live. You would be surprised the number of people who call the wrong jurisdiction and waste valuable response time.
- Show us where you live. Post your street numbers clearly on the front of your house. Renters should talk to your landlords if no address or apartment number is visible.
- Call when the incident is happening. We often get calls hours or days after the fact.
- Understand real law enforcement is not like TV. Some cases take time; we would love to grant instant satisfaction but some things require investigation and we have a certain burden of proof before we act. Don't mistake the legal process for a lack of concern.
- Please don't use us to scare your kids into behaving. Cops instantly cringe every time we hear

a parent tell their child "You'd better behave or I'll have that officer arrest you," while pointing at us. Folks, if your child is ever lost, scared or being bullied they need to know they can come to us for help.

We said at the beginning that this was a partnership, which means it's a two-way street. Please do not feel you cannot approach the Department if you feel you've not received proper service. Call and speak with a supervisor. They will either explain why something was done the way it was, or take corrective action if a mistake or oversight is discovered. But keep in mind, arrests or tickets are another matter. Those are up to the Judge! ♦

--Lt. **Dan McCormick**

Hazardous Waste: How safe is your home?

Home is where the heart is. But the home is also where the hazardous waste lies. Many items we use on a daily basis are considered household hazardous waste. These items can range from home improvement products to automotive fluids. Believe it or not, on average, each home contains 60 to 100 pounds of hazardous chemicals.

Your first thought might be to throw these products in the garbage or down the drain when finished with use. However, improper disposal and storage can injure waste haulers and family members. To solve the problem, with little effort and nothing out

of your pocket, Hamilton County residents can drop off their household hazardous waste now through October 16th, 2010 at Clean Harbors located at 4879 Spring Grove Ave.

Although the usual items (listed below) are accepted, latex paint is not accepted. Latex paint can be safely thrown away with regular trash once it is in its solid form.

Since waste haulers cannot pick up liquids, to dry out latex paint, simply leave the lid off of the paint and mix it with sand, saw dust or kitty litter to speed up the drying process. Once dry, leave the lid off when you dispose of the can with your regular

trash so your waste hauler can see the paint is dry.

Acceptable items: pesticides, fertilizers, cleaners, automotive fluids, solvents, thinners, pool and lawn chemicals, oil based paint (**non-latex**), batteries, fire extinguishers, stains, mercury, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealer and thermostats.

To learn more information about the free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Program or about composting, call 946-7700 or visit www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org ♦

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Deer Park gets federal stimulus funding to repave Galbraith Road



The City of Deer Park has received \$680,000 in federal funds under the American Reinvestment and Recover Act, also known as the stimulus, to repave and fix curbs on part of Galbraith Road. The work will take place on the section of

Galbraith from the corporate line at Amberley Village to Blue Ash Road.

Work should begin at the beginning of June and be completed by mid to late August. The city is aware that there are many roads in the city that are in urgent need of repair. We

have applied for a number of grants and hope to announce other projects soon, as funding for them is approved. Thank you for your continued patience as we work to improve city roads. ♦

Deer Park property inspector receives lifetime achievement award

Gerry Stoker, President of Southwestern Ohio Inspection Services is the 2010 recipient of the Victor C. Jones Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Ohio Building Officials Association. In 2007 Mr. Stoker established the Southwestern Ohio Inspection Services Company, a private entity that currently serves the cities of Deer Park and Norwood.

The Columbus-based Ohio Building Officials Association is comprised of over 1,400 building commissioners, architects and building inspectors. The Victor C.

Jones Award is awarded to an individual for meritorious lifetime service towards the advancement of professionalism within the Ohio building code industry.

"I'm honored and humbled to be recognized by such a prestigious organization as OBOA" Stoker said. Mr. Stoker is a 32-year veteran of local municipal building and zoning as well as the residential and commercial construction and development trades. ♦



Volunteer for the Park Board

Are you interested in being a park volunteer? The Park Board is looking for 10-15 Friends of the Park to volunteer for a few hours a week at park events this spring, summer and fall. Interested? Call the city building for more information at (513) 794-8860. ♦

Rumpke reminds you: mattress and TV set restrictions

Remember, for safety reasons, the maximum size for TV pick up by Rumpke is 30 inches. For larger TVs, please contact the city to arrange pick up. Mattresses should be rolled and tied. For safety reasons, any mattresses or any fabric-covered furniture **MUST** be wrapped in plastic. ♦

Find Deer Park online

You can keep up with Deer Park on the web in several ways. Our official city web site is located at: www.deerpark-oh.gov. You can also keep up with the Deer Park Police on Facebook and Twitter. Find the police Facebook Fan Page on by typing "Deer Park Police" in Facebook search. You can follow the police department on twitter at twitter.com/deerparkpolice. Deer Park Chamberlin Park has a Facebook Fan Page. You can find it by typing "Deer Park's Chamberlin Park" in Facebook search. ■

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Camp Safety Equipment preparing for second-generation ownership



Camp Safety Equipment in Deer Park now is well-known in the Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky emergency services community, but owner Tom Camp's business started small, in his home garage in the 1970s.

Tom has been involved in the local fire department for years, and currently is a deputy chief of the

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District. It's just one of his many community responsibilities.

The company started originally when Tom, then a volunteer fireman, outfitted his personal car with lights and sirens as was allowed by Ohio law. Soon other volunteer fire fighters asked him to do the same for theirs, and the concept for his unique business was born. The company services and builds custom vehicles or "mobile offices" for Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Fire and Police districts.

Camp Safety grew out of the garage, and in 1987 Tom moved into a space on Sycamore Road. Camp Safety became known for its service to the emergency services community, and in 2003 Tom launched a sister company Command Fire Equipment. Continued growth required him to move several more times until Camp Safety

found its current location at 8216 Blue Ash Road.

It's the largest company of its kind within a 100 mile radius, keeping his 15 full and part time employees busy. Camp Safety services 400 -plus vehicles each year. Camp Safety also has a retail center where dozens of new and used products including lights, sirens, in-car cameras, scanners, badges, flares and more are sold.

Today, Tom is working to make sure his vision lives on by bringing on his son Chris Camp as Vice President of the company. Chris has been working full time at Camp Safety for the past three years and is currently head of marketing, website design & control, online sales, used equipment, and the day to day finances.

For more information go online at www.campsafetyinc.com or call 513-984-4658 or 1-888-273-7233. ♦

Facelift for Police Cars



Deer Park police cars have a new look. The department's three marked police cruisers now carry the city's current logo and have a new, modern design. This marks the first design change in 16 years. The city saved some money on the decal update; due to a Ford recall on one car's paint, Ford covered the cost of that cruiser's new look. ♦

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Yardwaste Drop-Off Sites

FREE to Hamilton County Residents Only.
Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.
Landscapers and commercial establishments are not eligible to participate in this program!

Dates/Hours:

March 27 – November 21, 2010
Saturdays and Sundays
11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
All sites will be closed April 4 and July 4, 2010
January 8 and January 15, 2011
Saturdays ONLY
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Locations:

East:

Bzak Landscaping, 3295 Turpin Lane
(off St. Rt. 32)
Anderson Township
Open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

in addition to the hours listed above
Closed May 31 and September 6, 2010

West:

Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Road
Green Township

North:

Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, 3800
Struble Road (and Colerain Avenue)
Colerain Township

Start Composting at Home!

Call the Yardwaste Hotline at 946-7755 or visit hamiltoncountyreycles.org for tips on backyard composting.

Yardwaste Drop-Off Site Rules:

- Landscapers and commercial establishments are not eligible to participate in this program!
- No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups.

- Cut brush and tree branches into lengths of 4 feet or less—branches must not exceed 1 foot in diameter.
- Bundle brush and tree branches—bundles must not be heavier than 50 pounds.
- Bring yardwaste to the locations in containers or bags—brown paper bags preferred.
- Containers and plastic bags will be returned.
- No pallets, boards, nails, fence, or wire accepted.
- No bricks, stones, or soil accepted.
- Hamilton County residents only.
- All children must stay inside vehicles.

Mark your calendars for the annual Days in the Park Festival, Movies in the Park

That date has been set for the 2010 Days in Park Festival in Chamberlin Park. This year's event will take place Aug. 6th and 7th and the bands Rusty Griswolds and Prisoner will be performing. Look for more information in our next newsletter.

Also, "Movies In the Park" is back for the summer. Movies will be shown in Chamberlin Park on the 3rd Saturday of every month starting in May. The concession stands will be open, so bring chairs and blankets for a great family-friendly evening. Movies start at dusk. ♦



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Ohio Department of Health announces new immunization requirements for 2010-2011 school entry

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recently added additional immunization requirements for school entry for Ohio's Kindergarten and 7th grade students, which will go into effect for the 2010-2011 school year.

The changes in effect for the 2010-11 school year are:

- The addition of a tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough)(Tdap) or tetanus and diphtheria (Td) booster requirement for 7th grade.
- The addition of a 2nd dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for Kindergarten entry.

- A requirement that the final dose of polio vaccine be administered on or after the 4th birthday for Kindergarten entry.

By requiring these additional vaccines, ODH hopes to minimize the spread of preventable illnesses in schools and provide Ohio's children with a healthier environment to learn.

Hamilton County Public Health Department holds an immunization clinic at the Deer Park Community Center near Chamberlain Park at 7640 Plainfield Road Cincinnati Ohio 45236. For more information call the Health Department 946-7882

June classes at the Sycamore Senior Center



An Active for Life class is being offered in June. Active for Life is more than just an exercise class, and studies have proven its effectiveness in maintaining independence for seniors.

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Medicare event will also be offered in June and is for anyone turning 65 this year (or those who need an update and reminder of how Medicare works). Please call Sycamore Senior Center at 984-1234 for more information.

School corner: Deer Park Community Schools

The Deer Park High School Art Department is pleased to announce that student entry sketches were accepted to the first ever Fountain Square Eco Sculpt Contest 2010 in celebration of Earth Day. The following students were invited to participate in the construction and installation of this 10ft. high sculpture of a giraffe at Fountain Square on April 9: Kristi Biddle-Caudell, Brittany Brewer, Ciara Edgington, Cory Harmon, Austin Martin, Michael Robinson and Ashley Whitson. Look for the photos of the finished project in our next newsletter, or check it out downtown, as the sculpture will be up until April 29!



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